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Title: Regarding including fishermen community in the list of Scheduled Tribes.

*SHRI R.K. BHARATHI MOHAN (MAYILADUTHURAI): Hon. Madam Speaker, Thank you for this opportunity. Most of the people belonging to the fishermen community are living in extreme poverty and their lives are in distressed condition. At present the fishermen community has been included in the list of Other Backward Classes. If the fishermen community is included in the list of Scheduled Tribes, the socio, economic and educational development of this community may be ensured in a better way. This can also pave way for improving the standard of life of our fishermen community. Hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Dr. Puratchithalaivi Amma has also urged upon the Hon. Prime Minister about the need of inclusion of fishermen community in the list of Scheduled Tribes. I therefore urge upon the Hon. Prime Minister to ensure inclusion of fishermen community in the list of Scheduled Tribes. Thank you.